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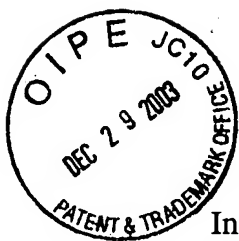
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. SECTION 1.115**

Sir:

This Amendment and Response pursuant to 37 C.F.R. Section 1.115 is in response to the Examiner's Action dated 6 October 2003 in which claims 1-14 are pending, claims 1-13 were rejected, and claim 14 was allowed in connection with the above-identified patent application. A Response to this Office Action is due 6 January 2004. Accordingly, this Amendment and Response is timely filed.

Applicant requests that the Examiner consider the following Amendment and Response, withdraw the pending rejections, and pass the above-identified application to issue. Kindly amend the subject application as follows.

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